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WHERE IS YESTERDAY?

[Chambers' Journal.]

Mother, some things I want to know,
Which puzzle and confuse me so,
To-day is present, as you say;
But tell me, where is yesterday?

I did not see it as it went;
I only know how it was spent—
In play and pleasure, though in rain;
Then why don't it come back again?

To-day the sun shines bright and clear
But then to-morrow's drawing near.
To-day—oh, do not go away!
And vanish like dear yesterday.

'Tis when the sun and all the light,
Has gone, and darkness brings the night,
It seems to me you steal away
And change your name to yesterday.

And will all time be just the same?
To-day—the only name remain
And shall I always have to say,
To-morrow you'll be yesterday.

I wonder, when we go to heaven,
If there a record will be given
Of all our thoughts and all our ways,
Writ on the face of yesterdays?

If so, I pray God grant to me
That mine a noble life may be;
For then I'll greet with joyous gaze
The dear lost face of yesterdays.

FAMILIAR TALKS ON SCIENCE.—NO. 13.

MEASURING THE VELOCITY OF LIGHT.

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Some after his improvement of the telescope, Galileo discovered that the planet Jupiter had four moons revolving rapidly about it, and that they were subject to frequent eclipses. Upon noting their periods of revolution and the regular times for the occurrence of the eclipses, it was found that when Jupiter (whose orbit is exterior to that of the earth) is on the same side of the sun with the earth, the eclipses take place sixteen minutes earlier than when Jupiter and the earth are on opposite sides of the sun. The only reasonable explanation of this "regular irregularity" is that sixteen minutes is the time required for Jupiter's light to cross the earth's orbit. As the earth's light is 185,000,000 miles in diameter and light travels that enomous distances in sixteen minutes, it follows that the velocity of light is about 11,000,000 miles per minute, or 185.000 per second.

The foregoing calculation is confirmed by two others, one of which can be illustrated by a familiar example. When the rain is falling perpendicularly, one can make it *appear* to come in a slanting direction by moving swiftly through it. If one stand still the proper place for the umbrella is over his head, but in riding rapidly the umbrella isno adequate protection except it be held somewhat in front.

Now the motion of the earth in its orbit is about 1,000 miles per minute. It follows that if the earth with this velocity strike a ray of light falling perpendicularly from a star with a velocity of 11,000,000 miles per minute, the light, like the rain-drops of illustration, will *seem* to come from just a little more front of us than it would if we were still. That is, our motion will throw the appearance of the star a little ahead of its true position; and if we go the other way its apparent direction will be changed in an opposite manner. Since the earth in going around the sun moves in an opposite direction in January from what it does in June, being at those times on opposite sides of its orbit, astronomers are enabled the easier to calculate the amount of apparent change which the earth's motion gives to the falling rays of light. This change in direction is what is called the "aberration of light." Reasoning from the extent of this aberration the velocity of light has been calculated, and the result corresponds very closely with that obtained in the manner previously mentioned. The aberration of light shows that light itself would traverse the distance around the earth's orbit in fifty-two minutes, and hence would come from the sun to the earth in about eight minutes.

Not satisfied with these calculations, however, scientific men have, characteristic patience and persistency, invented various machines by which the velocity of light can be measured with great accuracy. These contrivances are too elaborale to be here described. But the results obtained from them correspond so closely with those derived from the other methods of calculation, that there can be no doubt of the correctness of the previous estimates.

From the fact that light does not pass instantaneously through space, but requires time for its transmission, it follows that we do not see things as they are, but as they were. We do not see the sun as it is. but as it was eight minutes ago. The light from the nearest fixed star does not reach the earth until three or four years after it sets out upon its journey, while the light from other stars has when it strikes our eyes been hundreds of thousands of years on its way. If one of these more distant orbs were to be blotted out of existence, thousands of years would elapse before the news of the disaster, though travelling 185,000 miles per second, would reach the earth. A ray of light is therefore a historical document, telling not only what is, but what has been, and like an express wagon only delivers its message as it reaches its several stations. If the story of a campaign be carried into space upon the wings of light, it would be eight minutes in reaching the sun, sixteen minutes in reaching Jupiter; while the daily papers of the nearest fixed stars would be three or four years behind hand in their intelligence. To still others the battles of the Crusades would but just be revealing their horrors, and to the still more distant orbs Hannibal would now be seen to be crossing the Alps, or Aiexander marching into Asia. From such considerations a beautiful illustration has been drawn of the omniscience of the Creator. To God who fills all space, the story of a ray of light is constantly repeating itself at each successive stage of its progress and the past is ever as real as the present.

Out of 45,000 colored voters in Kings County, only two colored men are enjoying political recognition in the large patronage at the command of the Republican party. One is a watchman and the other a clerk.—*Conservator.*

(Wrong figures these: There are not more than 25,000 colored voters in the entire *State* of New York.—Ed.)

The race issue is the one upon which it appears the effort will be made to fight the political battle next fall. This is to be regretted, and it is to be hoped that the colored people will not permit themselves to be used for any such purpose. They have everything to lose and nothing to gain. Their destiny must be with the people of the South; with them they must rise or fall.—*Tidewater* (Portsmouth, Va.,) *Times.*

Why did the *Times* a few weeks ago in referring to the colored people of the State class them as paupers?

Galveston, Texas.

We have an election in this city today. We are better off here in politics than you are in Missouri. We have colored police, colored detectives, colored clerks in dry goods stores, colored janitors in the court house, post office and custom house, colored messengers to our banks, colored teachers in our own two-story brick school house, etc. Let a man be ever so black he can go to the finest bar-room and get any kind of a drink he wants and pay 15 cents, the same as the richest men here.—*National Tribune.*

FROM KANSAS.

Mr. Editor:—The world is in commotion! Russia, England, Ireland and our own beloved Land of the Free and home of the brave, all seem to be thundering along through space in a manner startling even to the proverbial oldest inhabitants. These oldest inhabitants are a class in every community under the canopy of high heaven; they are as numerous as the sands of the seashore; are indigenous to the soil; know all things—let them tell it—all ready to give advice especially upon subjects with which they are least acquainted, and manifest great surprise if a stranger shows any incredulity as to their superior knowledge and worth. But the question of the oldest inhabitants is a diversion, and as they, generally speaking, are about as worthless as, I fear, this digression is interesting, let's have done with them and consign even the remembrance of them to oblivion.

A RETROSPECT.

But a few brief years ago, Alexander II. of Russia, following in the wake of the immortal Lincoln, liberated all the serfs of the empire, and made them men by not only liberating them, but gave to each head of family from 5 to 25 acres of land according to the fertility or sterility of the soil; thus each peasant was, in so far at least, immeasurably better off than the artisan, the merchant or even the man of professional calling. Whatever may have been the faults of Alexander II., it must be acknowledged that this beneficent act of his has no paralled in modern history. It is a sad commentary upon the action of this—the best government in the world. Here 4,000,000 of men, women and children were thrown out upon their own resources without a dollar, without a foot of land, poor even to without education,—in a word, poor even to indigents, and yet called upon to do battle with the most advanced race of people upon the habitable globe; and, yet too, in spite of all this influence, and I feel to add ingratitude—this liberated race in America has increased—and solely by parturition too, from 4,242,003 in 1870 to 5,643,891 in 1880. This, too, in the Southern States exclusive of Texas, I am convinced that the Negro American numbers nothing less than 6,000 000 of souls in the U. S. to day, and still they are dying out. As for England and Ireland, I am at a loss to know which is after 'tother. England, 'tis true, is a great people, but if she meets a few more foes such as was encountered at "Majela Hill," a few weeks since, she too will have learned that the world moves on and unto it the people. But I took up my pen, Mr. Editor, to write of *Kansas* and the *Kansians*; for of all the people in the wide, wide, world. the people of *Kansas* are the most erratic.

REASONS WHY.

Let me explain. *Kansas*, like all other states of our glorious Union, is blest. I beg to assume no responsibility for the use of the word, with a legislature. This body meets biennially—or as a "darkey" said to me, once in two years. So if any of your readers fail to fully unstand the term, 'tis no fault of the darkey's or mine. Beginning the 2nd Monday in January, and continuing in session for 50 days at $3.00 per day and mileage. All time over this constitutional limit is at the expense of the legislators themselves, and as they seldom if ever get through business in the time allotted, they become martyrs to the cause of law making for the dear people; and rather than not get through each his own pet scheme, he, and they all, serve for glory and renown. Of such self-sacrificing material are we *Kansians* made up—rather be wasted than waste the substance of our young. but glorious commonwealth. I have said the people of *Kansas* are erratic. Perhaps no state of the West has had such an influx of true, bold, independant spirited, brainy and at the same time of as little means, a class of men, as had *Kansas*. You will remember, Mr. Editor, that even in its territorial era, men who believed in the doctrine that slavery was sectional and freedom national, left their humble, but peaceful homes, along the bleak coasts of Maine and New Hampshire. the pleasant valley of the ever flowing Connecticut, among the rocks and stones of that cradle of liberty, the Old Bay State, along the beautiful vale of the Mohawks and the enchanting scenes of the gentle Susquehanna, and hied themselves to the wild and broad praries of *Kansas*; hither they come both to build up their lost fortunes and to stay the strong arm of the slave propogandist. Hither, too, they come each and all with the peculiar traits of character and habits of life of their respective localities; bent upon making *Kansas* free to the white man though hell opposed. Inflamed, then, with the two ideas which I have mentioned, they soon found it best to give up to a great extent, the habits and peculiarities of the East, and band together for common good. To overcome the severity of the climate to pacify the Indians, to stay the progress of slavery and to make money become the especial mission of *Kansians* in the early territorial days. Each one took his individual method in effecting these ends, but each strenuously respected the rights of his fellow laborer.

THE RESULT.

How well they succeeded history plainly shows us all; and I am free to say that the efforts of the pioneers of this State, far surpass anything in the palmiest days of Greece or Rome. Finding the soil and climate well adapted to the cultivation of the vine. Kansas, always with an eye to business, compassed America and all of Europe, seeking emigrants to come here and help raise the vine, as a source of great wealth. And from all parts of the globe they flocked to this beautiful land and invested millions in wine, making beer, brewing, and thus Kansas has become the Queen of the tier of States of the great North-west. But I have said this people is erratic. A change has come over the spirit of their dreams.

PRESTO.

All of a sudden by some process of reasoning peculiar to this people, this source of wealth, and to give it its worse phase—whiskey-drinking, beer-brewing and vine growing has become the source of all the woes since Adam's fall, and the manufacture and sale of each and all, even for sacramental purposes must be stopped. In 1879 an act passed the legislature to submit this question to the people as an amendement to the constitution. At the election in November last the question received a majority of seven thousand some odd hundred votes, and the next thing of importance was to get men into the legislature who would make the laws necessary to enforce this clause of the constitution. By the action of that body the manufacture and sale of any spiritous liquors, except for Medical, Mechanical and Scientific purposes is forever prohibited. Of course I give you but an epitome of the law formed at Topeka to attempt to indict, the law would be tedious in the extreme. To those who have not read the law as passed, I would say they have passed the most remarkable piece of legislation of the century. Indeed, none but a *Kansas* legislation could have formulated and carried through such a piece of legislation as this act of the *Kansas* legislature of 1881. The act of that body is now law, whether rightly or wrongly, time—the great righter of wrongs, the leveler of all things—alone can determine. Some pronounce it the vagary of youth; others the imbecility of a distorted imagination; some, again, the cunning duplicity of the politicians, some, again, the acme of stupidity. Let us hope 'tis for the best, and that *Kansas*, beautiful *Kansas*, the home of fair women and brave men—of the many noble martyrs to the cause of freedom, right and justice—the home of John Brown—let us hope, I say, that *Kansas* may suffer no detriment by the action of the legislature of 1881, but that she may go on and on till she becomes the chief stone in the superstructure of an edifice whose foundation was laid by those noble men who believed in the brotherhood of man. I intended Mr. editor to say something of this mysterious race. I meant to give some account of those employed in the legislature at Topeka. There are some 50,000 of your people here, but as I have spun out to too great a length already, let me wind up by saying—*ad referendun*—that is, if you feel disposed to send me a copy of your valuable paper, if not, I shall characterise you—*Corpus sine pectore.*

"Anon."

Leavenworth, Kan., March 20, 1881.

MURDER MOST FOUL!

On the night of Feb. 10, Mr. Alex. Ford, a highly respected citizen of Hopkinsville, Ky., was shot down by Jno. P. Bell, without the slightest provocation. Your correspondent was on the ground a short time after the murder, and as far as could be ascertained the facts were as follows: Bell met Mr. Ford and requested him to procure him a colored female to keep him company for a while. Ford objected saying that if he (Ford) should ask him (Bell) to procure a white woman for him that it would cause trouble. Bell immediately drew his pistol and fired with deadly effect—Mr. Ford falling dead instantly. The community was shocked beyond imagination when it learned of the tragedy and its cause. Mr. Ford was an old resident of Hopkinsville, and highly respected by both white and black. He was buried with the honors of the G. U. O. O. F., and U. B. F., on Sunday.—*Immaculate Banner.*

WHICH?

Are we to build up separately the varied institutions of our present civilization, or are we to fall in with those already in vogue? As little as it may be supposed, this is a question of deepest import. That we have need of these institutions, is to be inferred. Useful to others, they would be useful to us. Shall we have them, and if so, how? Are we to go to work and commence their organization *inter se?* or, are we to join those of our white friends?—*Christian Recorder.*

We read none of our exchanges with more interest than we do the Washington ADVOCATE. It is one of the oldest and strongest among the newspapers published by colored men.—*Sentinel.*

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SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1881.

Subscribers finding this paragraph marked will understand that their subscriptions have expired, and unless they promptly renew the paper will be discontinued to their address.

What has become of our Norfolk agent? We would like to hear from him promptly.

The Co-operative movement, begun here a couple of months ago, is not dead neither is it sleeping. Another meeting of the full committee will be be held next Friday night.

It is said on what we believe to be good authority that there will be a lively fight next year in the 4th Congressional District of Virginia. Several prominent candidates are named.

We beg especial attention to the letter of Mr. Williams on "The Republican Party and the people of Color." In connection with the excitement over the New York appointments, we suggest the appointment of of some prominent colored man of that State as a recognition of a class which has more votes than the average republican majority of that State.

The *Progressive American*, of New York City reaches here about the same time as the *Elevator* of San Francisco, Cal., of the same week. Mail time from New York to Washington ranges from seven to eight hours; that between San Francisco, Cal., from seven to eight days. Does the *Elevator* mail its exchanges a week ahead of time or does the *American* forward them a week behind. Which?

CORRECTION.

We are requested to correct an error which occurred in our issue of the 19th inst., under the head of "More about the toilets," viz. that Miss Emma Elias *inter alia* was now visiting Philadelphia, as the guest of Miss Mary Lizzie Jones during the winter; that on the day before the inauguration her daughter Emma, of Newport, joined her mother in Philadelphia, to visit Washington and that she is now with her mother *en route* for home. But *not* as the guest of Miss M. Lizzie Jones.

The following gentlemen from Louisiana came here this week and presented their respects to President Garfield and afterwards to Secretary Lincoln. They did not come to state to the President or any one of his advisers their claim for Federal patranage: J. A. Gla, Senator T. T. Allain, A. J. Dumont chairman of the State Central Committee, also Naval Officer, Calvin F. Ladd, Duncan C. Hill, Jas. M. Vance jr., J. Duncan Kennedy, Hon. C. C. Antoine and Rev. C. C. Atwood, associate editor the *Louisianian*.

WORD OF ADVICE.

We take this method of giving some advice which may be the means of saving hundreds of dollars of useless expenditure, the wear and tear of many anxious souls, on the one hand and accomplishing much desired results on the other.

The rush here from different sections of the South for office for prominent colored men is in full progress. We want to see the movement succeed. For this cause we advise all who have any laudable ambitions in this direction which have behind them popular approval, first to have their desires made known by a formal statement in writing, giving the reasons therefor in the strongest bnt most concise manner possible; second to, have these papers and their contents strengthened by letters from influential persons in their respective localities, from local, congressional and state committees of their party; third, to place them in the hands of their representatives in Congress, if they have any, and hold them to a strict account for the presentation and successful prosecution of the same. In the event of their being no representative in Congress, then it behooves the people to send district delegations here to present the matter either to the Heads of the Departments or the President himself: In both cases being sure that they be so introduced to the President and his Ministers as to secure from the first favorable consideration, and a special hearing at length if possible.

If this course does not prove successful we advise waiting until the canvass preliminary to the next Congressional election draws nigh.

CARLYLE'S REMINISCENCES.

"By special arrangement" with the American public, the Literary Revolution will issue immediately a beautiful Acme edition, elegant clothbinding, of the "Reminiscences of Thomas Carlyle," price 30 cents, postage 6 cents, and it can be had of the nearly 2,000 booksellers who are agents of the Literary Revolution in all parts of the United States.

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PERSONAL.

R. F. Hurley, Carter Harris and Ed. Shaw, of Memphis, Tenn., have been in the city on the lookout for federal appointments.

Felix Paskett, Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Wise Men is in our city, for the purpose of advancing the interests of his flourishing Order. Mr. Paskett comes well recommended, and as such he is entitled to favorable consideration.

Louis Napoleon, an aged colored man for many years a resident of New York, who had exerted himself to a remarkable degree as agent of the Underground Rail Road recently died in New York. He was a native of Virginia.

J. C. Napier, of Nashville Tenn., is in town armed with a petition signed by over twelve hundred citizens, letters from prominent officials of his city and State, leading business and professional men, asking for his appointment as postmaster of the above named city.

John Oliver, agent of the Moore St. Industrial School, is in town. Mr. Oliver is now endeavoring to pay off the final installment of $1100. due on the very valuable property secured for the above named purpose. The Richmond Whig speaks in very high terms of this enterprise.

R. P. Brooks, esq., G. M. Arnold, W. H. Lester and W. H. Pleasants prominent politicians, have been in the city to urge the claims of M. R. Demortie, for postmaster at Petersburg and another gentleman for one of the Revenue Collectorships in Virginia. They left Wednesday night without calling on the President. During their stay they had a very pleasant interview with Senator Sherman.

A Fortunate Investment.

About a year ago Mr. Daniel Murray became impressed with the idea that a handsome profit awaited any one who would buy the property on the corner of 16th and M streets. With this view he inquired and found the corner 75 ft. could be bought for $2,500 with three years to pay. He immediately set about to find someone to share his bargain. An interest was offered to several, among others Dr. Francis who possessed the means to buy, to Wyatt Archer and at last to Mr. William Washington, who after considerable persuasion accepted a fourth interest. The sequel has exceeded all expectation. They have just received an offer through Fitch & Fox of $4,500, an advance of $2,000 on the investment, in the short space of one year.

Washington real estate is the best investment a young man can make. It will surely go higher than it is now.

What Others think of Us.

A prominent gentleman from New York State who visited this city during the Inaugural week thus speaks of his impression:

"The ten days I spent in Washington were certainly among the most enjoyable of my life; not only in its social features which were pleasing to me beyond measure, but in other respects that to me were entirely novel. For the first time in my life I saw a colored policeman and never until Inaugural procession passed had I seen more than a small squad of colored men in uniform. In the Marshal's office, I found a colored man, whom we all delight to honor. In the District Government. I found several of the most important offices held by colored men of ability and character. In the different departments at the fountain head of the government, assisting in carrying on its complex machinery were numbers of gentlemen occupying important desks as clerks. In the public schools (the buildings would be a credit to any city) the great attendance manifested a great desire on the part of the children to acquire an education: coupled with the patient devotion of the lady teachers, whose culture and general bearing delighted me, was a sight full of animation and hope, and the whole a most encouraging evidence of the progressive condition and political recognition of our people. I have returned feeling more than ever that I am an American citizen, part and parcel of the body politic; but also feeling that there is work yet to be done and that our ultimate triumph largely depends on our own exertions.

Hillsdale.

[Communicated.]

The Bethel Baptist Sunday School of Hillsdale D. C. held their first quarterly review for 1881, last Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. in their church. Exercises were opened with singing reaching of scripture by Mr. J. M. Shippen, Prayer by Mr. Baxter of Uniontown Sunday School, Singing "Fix your eyes upon Jesus." The lessons of the quarter were represented by a cluster leaf and eleven scholars. Each one reciting verses from the several lessons, singing, "Come to the fount." The superintendent then called on the school to recite the little topics, outlines and golden texts, which was done very satisfactory. The quarterly report was then read which showed very favorable for the school. The election of officers having taken place in the quarter the names are as follows: C. W. Davis, superintendent, E. Lucas Secretary, W. Slaughter treasurer, E. W. Leitch assistant superintendent, Georgie Simpson assistant secretary, Anna E. Davis organist, Jane Phillips librarian and D. A. Hawkins assistant librarian. Mr. J. D. Baltimore then addressed the school on the importance of studying the lessons, duett by Miss L. Dennay and Miss Jane Phillips, Mr. R. T. Moss then addressed the school on the importance of proper prayer.

Marshall Douglass made some feeling remarks and complimenting officers and pupils for the handsome manner in which he service had been conducted.

The schools represented were 19th Street Baptist, Wesley Zion, Shiloh Baptist, Mount Zion, Israel Mission, and also the assistant superintendent of the Pioneer School accompanied by Miss E. V. Smith and others. There was quite a number of visitors from the city present.

Marshal Douglass was accompanied by Charles Douglass and his late bride, Frederk Douglass jr. and wife. There were also present Mrs. A. G. Wall and Mr. and Mrs. Diggs of the city. Concluded by singing "There is a fountain filled with blood." Benediction by Mr. Howard of Zion Baptist.

—John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church Conn. ave. bet. L and M streets. Rev. M. H. Ross, pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., by G. V. Clark, of Howard University, at 3 o'clock p. m., preaching by Rev. C. W. Fitzhugh.

The choir will render appropriate selections under the direction of Mr. C. Wye. Special collections will be taken through the day. The public are cordially invited. Sabbath School at 9 a. m.

The Republican Party and the People of Color.

The science and art of politics of to-day finds its highest expression in the advancement of general interests, no claptrap nor any bombastic stump oratory avails to win the respect of thinking men, whether they be educated in the schools or toil in the line of daily labor. Both of the best political parties of this country formulate platforms wherein the most studied language is used to express—what? The welfare of the people of every section and of all shades of complexion! The enforcement of all constitutional laws!

One of these two parties owes its present vigorous being to the colored race North and South. What has it done for this race, upon whom American laws and social customs and usages have borne so hard? The dark day of slavery is fast passing away as colored men, who were the subjects of oppresson advance towards light and knowledge. If we can be assisted by those who profess to venerate the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the constitution, well and good. If on the other hand, we are left to fight the forces which caste, oppression and industria proscription array against us, we must question the validity of oft repeated expressions of solicitude for the welfare of "our colored brethren." One million of voters cannot forever be put off with splinters from the planks of Chicago platforms or gulled with the cheap sympathy of Congressional delegations. Dignity, self-respects, a due regard for our children require of us a settlement of the question as to what should be our status in the land.

Why are not men of color, when qualified appointed to lucrative and honorable positions in the North? What valid reason can be given, for their exclusion? Why do republican journalists aid in perpetuating prejudice, while professing to seek the elevation of the Negro? It is hard to find an answer in accordance with consistency of belief and practice.

Preachers, politicians, editors and conceited writers of flippant magazine articles, upon the most ignorant colored citizens of the South are continually harping upon the prayed strings of races and colored, it is from them that the man of dark hued skin suffers the evils of social as well as political outlawry; and from them he learns that the voting of republican tickets in pivotal states, such as New York, "par exemple" brings to him no advantage. By his vote he may elevate to office some one whose alleged superiority to himself is an algebraical negative quantity—non existent. He knows this by every day experience, he is painfully aware that the Sumners and Stevenses of the party are numbered with the dead. He may honor the organization for what it has done, but he looks with disgust upon its present phase. American civilzation as interpreted by that class of Philo Negroists means to him proscription social, industrial, political. "A hewer of mood and a drawer of water," a butt for its satire and as a convenient peg to hang its tattered remnants of thread bare eloquence upon, it regards him. To a colored man of culture and observation American republicanism is a bigger farce than any that playwrights have yet conceived.

T. G. WILLIAMS.

Newport, March 28, 1881.

IN HOC SIGNO,

Simons Commandery No. 1 proposes to celebrate Ascension Day this year by a grand parade and to have a sermon preached to them at Asbury M. E. church.

The following are members of the craft, are members of the committee of arrangements: C. C. Johnson, J. W. Freeman, J. B. Washington, P. H. Simmons and James E. Freeman.

There is also a committee on Decoration appointed as follows: H. B. Abrahams chairman, Thos. A. James, John W. Gray, Martin Franklin, Joseph Morrison, Anthony Jones, J. W. Hamilton, W. H. Clark, Gurden Snowden jr., Charles Christian, H. E. Jenifer, Burrell Lucas, Spencer Green, Lewis Howard, Mr. Hawkins, Augustus Stewart, Mesdames Sarah Myers, Abbie Murray, Fannie Warner, Kate Shorter, S. H. Simmons, and Nannie Wilson, Misses Sarah Tyler. E. V. Wood, Annie Smith, Mary Minor, Susie Nichols, M. E. Howard, A. McCabe, Hattie Smith, H. C. Ricks, Isabella Ricks, Martha Williams, Clelia Towles and Carrie Becks.

There will be music by the choir also by a male quartette under the leadership of Thomas P. Bell.

—The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the District, gave a collation in honor of the Deputy High Priest of Louisiana, J. Henri Burch. Among those present were J. F. Ladd, Grand Master of the State of Louisiana, ex-Governor Antoine of the same State, C. C. Johnson, John Freeman, J. F. Wilkinson and a host of others. The supper was served by Wm. Taylor. Speeches were made by the guest and the distinguished visiting brethren and a good time generally ensued.

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The Lodge was called to order by the D. M. Brother Joseph L. Thomas. Credentials were presented by the several delegates. A committee of three consisting of brothers Stafford, Jordan and Burr, were appointed on credentials. The committee reported the several credentials correct. The report was laid over until the installation of officers had taken place.

The District Master appointed brother J. Enory Burr, to obligate and install the several officers to their several positions as follows: District master, Joseph L. Thomas; D. master, Benjamin F. Tyler; D. sectetary, Jos. C. Bustill; D. treasurer, A. L. Still, D. chaplain, L. McRaley; D. warden, John B. Sample; D. guardian, J. T. Braxton and D. executive committee Samuel A. Jordan and Joseph Stafford. The report of the committee on credentials was accepted.

An invitation was received from Patriarchie No. 5 and Household of Ruth No. 1. to attend a reception in the evening which was accepted. The lodge then adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The District Lodge called to order by the district master. The district secretary then presented and read the charter of the district lodge and was pleased to inform the members that Pennsylvania had succeeded in notifying the S. C M. first and obtaining the No. 1.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the district secretary for his promptness in securing the first number. A communication was read from the Cumberland Brotherhood Lodge No. 1527 relative to some trouble in the lodge. The communication was referred to the executive committee for investigation. Several propositions were introduced to alter and amend laws etc., after which the district lodge adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning.

In the evening the district lodge attended the reception of the Household of Ruth and the Patriarches and spent a very agreeable time.

Wednesday morning the district lodge was opened in due form by the district master. Minutes of the previous sessions read and approved. After the presentation of bills the subject of district lodge regalia came up and it was decided that there should be no regalia for the district lodge, but the district lodge should be represented by an emblem.

After votes of thanks were tendered to the several committee etc., for their attention to the comfort and pleasure of the district lodge the meeting adjourned in good order.

F. L. T.

—Prof. Pollard and his Jubilee Quartette held forth at Lincoln Mission last Tuesday night. The Professor is as droll in appearance as he is persistent in talking. The singers have all fair voices some of them, especially the contralto and soprano, very fine. All they need is a little more training. Something else is now needed besides Jubilee Music. That will do before Northern audiences to which these songs are still somewhat a novelty, but they will cease to hold a colored audience in the South unless they are rendered in the very perfection of art.

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—St. Luke's choir is beginning to expand.

—A preacher in an Ohio town illustrated a dog story in his prayer meeting by getting on all fours and capering up and down the aisles to the delight of the audience.

—Mr. John W. Fantroy who died last Saturday night was buried from the 5th Baptist church Tuesday afternoon. He was a member of Union Friendship Lodge of Odd Fellows.

—It is said that when Senator Blaine was taken from the Senate to the Cabinet, Ben Hill was so glad that he "cut the pigeon wing."

—The announcement is made that the *Sunday Item*, a weekly newspaper owned by colored men will make its appearance to-morrow.

—LODGINGS for *two* gentlemen, near St. Luke's P. E. Church on 15th st. Inquire of the Editor of the ADVOCATE. tf.

—Rev. A. B. Wilson, late of Ebenezar church on Capitol Hill, has been stationed at Asbury Mission.

—Lectures in the medical department of Howard University are free during the remainder of the term.

—The display of military suits in second hand clothing stores and pawn shops is very suspicious.

—American hogs are said to be diseased—this accounts for the peculiar grunt made by Ben Hill.

—The quarterly examination of the Miner Normal School took place Thursday, Miss M. B. Briggs, the principal, conducting the exercises. The examination was what it must always be under this accomplished lady—highly satisfactory.

—The ladies and friends of John Wesley church, (Conn. ave.) opened a bazaar in their church Tuesday evening and will continue next week. The room is tastefully arranged and those visiting will find plenty of amusement each evening.

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—As was rumored Chas. H. Shorter was elected, though not without opposition, Superintendent of Bethel A. M. E., S. S., and Rev. A. W. Upshaw assistant, Miss *L.* Lee, Secretary and Miss *M*attie Bowen, Treasurer.

—Rev. Dr. B. T. Tanner, editor, and Rev. Theo. Gould, publisher of the *Christian Recorder*, will speak at Union Bethel A. M. E. church Wednesday evening next, April 6.

—The following are the appointments made for this district at the *W*ashington conference, which closed its session at *W*heeling, *W.* Va., Monday night: W. C. Cooper, P. E.; Asbury, N. M. Carroll; Asbury Mission, A. B. Wilson; Ebenezer, B. Steele; Georgetown, T. H. Adams.

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—P. *W.* Burt, of the Richmond, *Virginia Star*, called on us, He is here in the interest of his paper.

—Bethel Church was filled Thursday night. Mr. Chas. Colbert received the set of silver, *M*r. Carter the sewing machine, and *M*r. *M*ason the spoons. Full particulars in our next.

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—The teachers of the 19th Street Sunday School are giving a series of sociables every Friday night, the proceeds of which are to constitute a fund to purchase a new organ. Friday night of last week the sociable came off at the residence of Miss Rosetta Coakley west P street. Miss Mamie Syphax read "Gone off with a handsomer man," Mr. J. W. Carle "Uncle Daniel's Vision," Miss Gibbs sang "Far Away," Mr. J. W. Cromwell read a poetical selection entitled "Cabin Philosophy," Miss Quonn sang an Italian song and Miss Julia C. Grant read a humorous selection about cooking. Mr. Jessie Lawson acted as master of ceremonies.

Last night they gave a sociable at *M*rs. Homstead; next week it will be at *M*iss Julia C. Grant's residence.

—The Quarterly Review of the 19th Street Baptist Sunday School came off last Sunday night.

—Bad weather was the fortune of the Shiloh church people Wednesday night and its effect on the attendance was manifest. The programme embraced selections from Gounod, Wallace, Flotow Donizetti and Leybach. Miss J. A. Stewart sang Cinderella's Dream which she gave with such great effect not long since at the 19th Street Baptist church concert, Messrs. Cole and Tompkins sang solos and appeared in duetts, a trio and a quartette, Miss Clara Lewis sang Alas those Chimes and Miss Sommerville, besides accompanying the singers gave, two piano solos.

—Married, on Sunday March 27th 1881, Mr. Willis Williams to Miss Ella Tyre of Louisa Co., Va. The quiet affair took place at the residence of 611 2nd street. There were many presents and many friends present. We are sorry that space will not permit a longer description. There were no cards—may they live long and prosper.

—The entertainment given at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, last Friday night was a grand success. The presentations were especially good. The chorister of the church was presented with a handsome tea-set, and Mr. Shreeve was the recipient of a most beautiful set of castors. The singing was very good, and the evening was spent in an agreeable manner. Long live Bro. Shreeve and the St. Paul's church!

—The ministerial assembly of the District of Columbia will meet next Tuesday morning at half-past ten o'clock at John Wesley Conn. ave. bet. L and M streets. Subject for discussion: The new translation of the English Bible. Lead by Rev. F. J. Grimke. S. P. Smith, Secy.

Obituary.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mrs. *M*artha McClain were shocked to learn of her death on Monday March 28th 1881, in the 56th year of her age. After lingering illness which she bore with christian fortitude, she was on *M*onday released of her earthly sufferings. Her funeral took place from her late residence March 31st at 2 o'clock p. m.

Unto our Father's will alone,
One thought is reconciled;
That He whose love exceedeth ours,
Has taken home his child.

Fold her, O Father, in thine arms,
And let her henceforth be,
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Richmond Delegation.

Mr. W. H. Pleasants, R. P. Brooks, Geo. M. Arnold, W. H. Lester were in the city looking after the interest of their friend, M. R. Demortie who is desirous of being the Post Master at Petersburg, Va. We hope Mr. Demortie much success.

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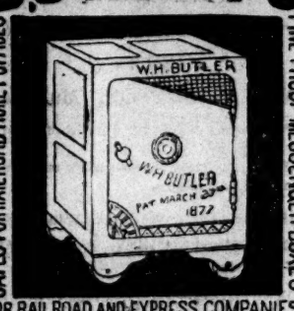

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